

THE LEGISLATURE.

(From Saturday's daily.)

After a day's rest the session met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and spent the forenoon listening to communications and committee reports of which there was an abundance. The Ways and Means Committee carried off the honors of the day in point of presenting the most reports.

All the reports with the exception of those presented by Senator Kana'ha, showed that a great deal of thought and time had been spent in preparing them. The wisdom of referring items to committees is shown by their careful consideration of every item and where cuts can be made without detracting from the worth of the office, etc., they have been made.

The Senators who, in the earlier part of the session, started in to make wholesale cuts, and who fought the frequent attempts made to refer items in dispute to committees for investigation, now see the wisdom of the new order of things.

If the wishes of Senators Kana'ha and Kahlina, that the majority members of the Military Committee have their way, the National Guard of Hawaii will be a thing of the past, as the items referred to them have all been recommended to be stricken out, with the exception of the pay of the janitor.

The entire afternoon session was devoted to the consideration of a resolution to investigate certain alleged changes which were made in the Senate journal, as is asserted by some of the members of the party with the "long name," that the Republican side of the House had something to do with it.

The first thing presented for consideration at the morning session was a communication from Mr. J. F. Knapp, the special commissioner of the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition, which was referred to the Committee on Education, and is as follows:

I beg to petition your honorable body for favorable consideration in the matter of representation of your Territory at the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition to be held at Charleston, S. C., from December 1, 1901, to June 1, 1902.

The trunk lines of railway running south from Buffalo have kindly proffered to transport Government and State exhibits from the Pan-American to the Charleston Exposition without cost. This will reduce the expense of your representation to a minimum and also reduce very materially the cost of returning your exhibit home, as it can be returned by vessel the entire distance or by rail at a lesser distance than from Buffalo.

I am pleased to hand you herewith printed matter indicating the scope, progress, etc., of our exposition and ever pray the granting of this petition. With the highest consideration, your petitioner, J. F. KNAPP, Special Commissioner, South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition.

The following three reports were presented by Senator Carter for the Committee on Ways and Means, which were tabled, to be considered with the Appropriation bill:

The Ways and Means Committee, to whom were referred sundry items in the Appropriation bill under current expense, Department of the Treasury, of the Territory, beg to report as follows:

Item 572, incidentals, \$3,000. Your committee finds this item is the same as has been provided in past Appropriation bills and that it has always been expended. The office work of this Department has increased since annexation, and the incidentals will also be larger. We recommend the item pass as in the bill.

Item 573, state entertainments and ceremonies, \$3,000. Your committee finds that this is an item which has seldom been drawn in full. Should President McKinley or any other Government official, or any foreign official, such as the Duke of Cornwall, call here, it is a fund that could be used for such purposes. The committee recommends that it pass.

Item 574, preservation of archives, \$5,000. This item was first introduced in 1898. Since that time this Department has gathered together all the correspondence as far back as 1850, and have had it re-copied and bound. The committee believes it wise to allow this work to be completed. All the documents connected with the Legislature can be re-arranged and filed for easy reference. If this data is of sufficient historical importance to warrant its preservation and if the records of the people of Hawaii are to be preserved, in addition to the foregoing, provision should be made for a fire-proof vault. This could be accomplished without great expense, as the Treasury vault provides a foundation, and it only requires to be built up from the floor to the ceiling. Your committee therefore recommends the passage of item 574 as in the bill, and an item be inserted as follows: 574A, fire-proof vault, \$2,500.

Item 575, expenses of election, \$15,000. This item was formerly under the Interior Department, and represents about what it costs to provide booths and judges in all the precincts and districts. We therefore recommend that it pass as in the bill.

Item 576, printing and advertising, \$1,500. The committee finds this Department is expected to print all the laws, many public notices, and proclamations. We recommend that the item pass as in the bill.

Item 577, compiling and revising laws, \$5,000. Your committee recommends that the item be stricken from the bill. Respectfully submitted, DAVID KANA'HA, H. P. BALDWIN, G. R. CARTER.

Doubtful about item 574A.

To the President of the Senate: The Ways and Means Committee, to whom were referred sundry items in the Appropriation bill under the Treasury Department, beg to report as follows:

Item 150, salary of the commission, deputy, assessors and collectors, \$45,000. Your committee finds that this item covers the salaries of two deputy assessors for Honolulu and commissions varying from \$5 to \$1 per cent on amounts collected by the assessors in country districts.

This department expended last year under this head \$41,574.25, and as this year the taken are expected to be larger, it will necessitate a large amount being paid in commissions.

But as the system of collecting the taxes is so different, we recommend a division, putting under "salaries and pay roll" the cost of collecting the Honolulu taxes, and under "current expenses" the amount necessary to cover the commissions paid for collecting the taxes in outlying districts.

Heretofore, in Honolulu, the office force consisted of two deputy assessors, who, with the assessor, were expected to do the work between March 1st and July 1st, covering the district from Moanalua to Koko Head and from the mountains to the sea. These three men were expected to visit every place of property, place a value on the same and its improvements, and at the same time keep track of all other personal property, poll, dog, carriage, cart and dry tax, and have the assessment books made up during the same time.

In addition to the foregoing, the Tax Assessor's office will, of necessity, this year have charge of the collection of the income tax, and your committee believes that the Legislature should make ample provision for a sufficient force to put this tax into operation effectively.

Another great difficulty that this office has encountered with is its inability to secure the area of various properties, as well as the names of the owners. The block maps of each district, commencing with Honolulu, are now being prepared by the survey department, giving the owner of each piece, street frontage and the area in square feet, but it will take a long time to finish this work, and your committee suggests that the Tax Assessor be given a draughtsman, whom he can direct to obtain the area of particular properties from time to time, and who can be kept busy in copying and making the maps that are wanted at intervals without delay.

If the Legislature desires this department to be more effective and a larger revenue obtained, your committee recommends the striking out of item 150 and inserting the following:

150 A, pay of deputy assessors, Honolulu, one at \$4,000 and four at \$3,000 \$18,400
Pay of deputy assessors, income tax, Honolulu 3,000
Pay of income tax clerks, Honolulu 2,000
Pay of Tax Office draughtsman 2,400
Pay of clerks, Honolulu office 9,600
Total \$40,000

And further items under current expenses, Treasury Department:

416 A, commissions of deputy assessors for districts other than Honolulu \$70,000
Commission for deputy assessors, income tax, other than Honolulu \$25,000
DAVID KANA'HA, H. P. BALDWIN, G. R. CARTER.

May 31, 1901.
To the President of the Senate: The Ways and Means Committee, to whom were referred sundry items in the Appropriation bill under Department of Public Works, beg to report as follows:

Item 171, salary of clerk, \$2,400. Your committee finds this is intended for the clerk to the assistant superintendent, a very important and necessary position. We therefore recommend this item should pass as follows: Salary of clerk to the assistant superintendent, \$2,400.

Item 172, salary of superintendent of sewers, \$3,000. The committee finds the superintendent of sewers is supposed to make a daily inspection of the entire system, from Liliha street to Punahou and from Beretania street to the new sewer, inspect all connections and see that they are properly made, and have general supervision of the entire sewerage system, so that whenever a leak or a break occurs a saving can be made by promptly repairing the same.

The committee finds that under the Board of Health two plumbing inspectors are employed, one at \$3,000 and the other at \$2,400, whose duties also require them to inspect all connections and see that they are properly made.

Therefore your committee does not see the necessity of two departments providing for the same work, and believes economy could be obtained by making the Board of Health inspect the connections of the sewers, and reducing the salary of the superintendent of sewers to \$2,400. We recommend: Salary of superintendent of sewers, \$2,400.

Item 173, sewer pay roll, \$5,520. Your committee finds that this item covers only such assistance as is now being used; that is, one engineer, a fireman and a messenger boy. This is a very inadequate force for the system when the 4,000 connections, that are to be made as rapidly as possible, are finished and the system in full operation.

This Legislature must make provision for increased service in this department, and a careful estimate of its needs when in full running order is as follows:

Per Month
Engineer (day shift) \$ 125
Engineer (night shift) 100
2 firemen (\$30 each) 120
3 assistant inspectors 185
Coal, oil and waste 700
Repairs and incidentals 100
Total \$1,340

This will provide for the care of property that already represents a value of \$600,000, and will cover not only the entire present system but the extension proposed.

The committee therefore recommends that under current expenses, Department of Public Works, the following be inserted: 440 A, running expenses of sewerage system, \$2,180.

Item 177, pay roll, Waialakulua camp, \$2,500. Your committee finds that the Government has on its hands a complete quarantine station outfit at Kahlili of the value of over \$100,000, on leased ground, for which a 10-year lease was made at \$5 a month. Should another epidemic occur, this property would be invaluable.

It therefore should be cared for and kept in repair in such a manner as to be subject to immediate use. The Superintendent of Public Works has heretofore considered it expedient to rent the rooms from month to month at a very low rental to the poorer classes, by this method securing a revenue sufficient to more than cover the outlay requested.

Your committee, believing that this is a time when every possible economy must be put into operation, suggests that the Superintendent of Public Works offer to lease this property at public auction to the highest bidder, with a condition requiring the tenant to keep the grounds in order, the buildings and fences in good repair, to pay the ground rent, and to surrender the same upon ten days' notice from the President of the Board of Health. By this manner it is believed a larger revenue can be obtained than at present without any outlay on the part of the Government.

Item 210, pay roll, Government buildings, \$4,000. Your committee finds that this is for the pay of eleven yardmen at \$2.50 per month, who have charge of the grounds of the Judiciary and Executive buildings. This is small pay and there is considerable work to be done, and we recommend that the item pass as in the bill.

Item 211, salary of keeper of museum grounds, \$2.50 per month. Your committee finds that this item of \$2.50 per month is to a resident keeper at the museum, and as there are men provided for the care of the grounds, we recommend that the item be stricken out.

Item 212, salary of janitor and keeper of Capitol and Judiciary grounds and buildings, \$2,000. Your committee finds that this is an item of \$10 a month for the head janitor and gardener of the

buildings and grounds mentioned. We recommend that the item pass as in the bill.

H. P. BALDWIN, G. R. CARTER.

I do not concur for several reasons. Senator Achi then presented the following report, which shows careful consideration of each and every item.

Hon. S. E. Kalua, President.

Health Department, to whom several items were referred, respectfully report as follows:

1. Item 532, general expenses, \$10,000. Upon consultation with the Board we came to the conclusion that the above amount ought to be raised to \$12,000. The expenses to be paid out of the above appropriation are advertisement and printing, incidentals, stationery and postage, laboratory supplies and burial of paupers and morgue expenses.

We also found out that the expenses for advertising is continually increasing with the growth of the duties of the Board; the same way with the expenses for incidentals.

In regard to expenses for burial of paupers and morgue, we found out that the number of bodies which have to be buried at the expense of the Board is increasing greatly. We therefore recommend that the item may be passed at \$12,000.

2. Item 533, medicines for City Dispensary, \$2,000. The idea of a former president of the Board was that the Government physicians in different districts should supply drugs and medicines, to be used in their respective districts out of their own expenses; but the Board informed your committee that they found it impracticable; and we concur with the opinion of the Board in that matter; we believe it would be impossible for the Government physicians to supply drugs and medicines out of their nominal salaries.

We therefore recommend that the amount may be passed as follows: Medicines, \$9,000—being the same as inserted in last Appropriation bill.

3. Item 534, support of non-leprous children, \$12,000. The Board strongly urged your committee to increase the amount to \$20,000 for the reason that the Board believed that a building for the leprosy to be built at Kahlili. We therefore recommend that the item may be inserted as follows: Support of non-leprous children and buildings for boys, \$20,000.

4. Item 535, Insane Asylum, \$34,000. The above amount is supposed to be spent as follows:

Boarding, furniture, etc. \$1,000
Crocker and utensils 1,000
Fuel and lights 1,000
Improvements and repairs 2,000
Incidentals 2,000
Medicines 2,000
Beef, meat and fresh fish 12,000
Provisions and groceries 12,000
Total \$34,000

Through a conversation with the members of this Board, we are satisfied that the above amount can be made to last out only with strictest economy on the part of the officers of the Institution.

We therefore recommend that the amount may be passed as in the bill.

5. Item 536, segregation, support and treatment of lepers, \$100,000. By the report of the Committee to Kalaupapa, which was adopted by both Houses, it was decided to increase the rations of pol from twenty-one pounds to twenty-five pounds a person a week; also increases in other things were adopted; and we believe we also decided to furnish the inmates with fuel free of charge; the Board proposed to your committee an increase of \$10,000 in the appropriation in order to meet said expenses. Your committee also found that the Kalaupapa Committee proposed that the management, etc., of the Bishop Home ought to be better provided with helpers and other things.

Your committee therefore recommends that the item may be passed at \$171,000. It is true that the Treasury does not warrant an increase in the Appropriation bill, but we feel it is our duty to do all in our power for the benefit of those unfortunate inmates at Kalaupapa and Kalaupapa, Molokai.

6. Item 537, Kalaupapa store, \$45,000. In regard to the above amount, we have no reason to change the same, and recommend that the item may be passed as in the bill.

7. Item 538, maintenance of garbage and excavator service, \$24,000. The Board urged your committee to increase the amount to \$26,000, but we believe the Board can run that department during the next two years with the strictest economy, for the amount asked in the bill, and the Board is a part of our duty to save all we can for the Government.

We therefore recommend the amount asked in the bill may be passed.

8. Item 539, running expenses of garbage crematory, \$7,200. The Board wants the above appropriation changed to Superintendent of Public Works, but we believe it will only amount to more trouble on said officer, as he has all the work to attend to. We recommend that the amount may be passed as in the bill.

9. Item 540, Honolulu Dispensary, \$1,000. The Board believes that this institution could be run with only \$500 during the next two years. We therefore recommend the item to be passed at \$500.

10. Item 541, Koloa hospital, \$1,000. This hospital is not transferred to trustees, but to the Government. We recommend that the item may be passed as in the bill.

11. Items 542 to 549, inclusive, subsidies to different hospitals. We ask that the above amounts may be laid until we get an opinion from the Attorney General in regard to a resolution passed by this Senate on May 27, 1901, in regard to the subsidy to the Queen's Hospital.

Respectfully submitted, W. C. ACHI, J. B. KAOHI, N. RUSSELL.

Do not concur in items 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11. Members of the Committee on Health, May 31, 1901.

Upon a motion of Senator Baldwin, the Committee on Forestry and Public Lands were instructed to make a tour of inspection of the Government Nursery on King street and make a report thereon.

Following communication was received from Attorney-General Dole on Senator Achi's resolution, whether or not the Legislature could appropriate money for the Queen's Hospital.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Attorney General is hereby requested to inform this House whether we can appropriate money to aid the Queen's Hospital, or other institution, or not.

I have examined the charter, by laws and regulations of the Queen's Hospital. The charter is drawn on the broadest and most liberal lines. It is not obnoxious to the provision in the Organic Act, prohibiting appropriations of public money for sectarian purposes. It is maintained for the relief of indigent, sick and disabled people of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and well as foreigners and others who may desire to avail themselves of its benefits. It is one of the

classes of institutions for the erection of which the Territory, under section 31 of the Organic Act is especially authorized to incur indebtedness. I think that the Legislature has power to make an appropriation in aid of this charity.

The answer to the question asked me as to whether the Legislature has power to aid an institution depends upon the nature of the institution. I am, very respectfully yours, E. P. DOLE, Attorney General.

Senator Kana'ha then presented the following majority report from the Committee on Military upon the items on military and band, which, if adopted, will do away with the National Guard:

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Items 350 to 354 relate to salaries of bandmaster and members of the band and represent a total of \$36,000, while items 554 to 558, relate to traveling and incidental expenses of the band and represent a total of \$5,724.

Items 359 to 359 relate to the officers of the military in the pay of the Government, and represent a total of \$10,080, while items 559 to 563 relate to running expenses of the military and represent a total of \$35,500.

The only item the committee recommends leaving in the bill is the pay of janitor. When the report was read, Mr. Baldwin asked: "What is the use of a janitor when the military is done away with?"

The report was tabled to await the report of the minority.

Senator Carter then read the following letter, which he had received from Chas. Wilcox, Secretary of the Board of Health:

May 13, 1901.
Hon. George R. Carter, Chairman, Senate Committee on Public Expenditures.
Sir: I have the honor to hand you herewith a list of bills incurred on account of bubonic plague and remaining unpaid at this date, and to ask that an appropriation for payment of said claims be made. A list was duly presented to the Committee on Public Expenditures at the regular session, but as no disposition was then made of the matter, I am obliged to call the attention of your committee to this subject again. Very respectfully yours, CHAS. WILCOX, Secretary, Board of Health.

The letter was referred to the Committee on Public Health.

At 11:45 the Senate took a recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Senator Russell led off at the afternoon session by asking what was the matter with the special committee that had in charge the Public Works Department.

"I am here this afternoon," said "Oily Bill," in answer to the Senator's question, "for that very purpose. I have been around here the last few days patiently waiting for the members of the committee to show up. I could not be around here yesterday (Decoration Day), as I wanted to see what was going on myself, as well as everybody else did. As there is nothing more before the House I move we adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday, in order that the special committee may meet this afternoon and complete its work."

"Before we adjourn," said Senator Kana'ha, "I ask for the suspension of the rules that I may introduce a resolution." Upon the desired request being granted, he introduced the following, which caused a great deal of wrangling:

Hon. S. E. Kalua, President of the Senate.
Dear Sir: Resolved, That the President is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of three to examine and see that the journal of the Senate is correct and in due form for transmission through the Secretary of the Territory to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of the United States of America, in accordance with section 69 of the Organic Act.

Senator Baldwin was then recognized, and said: "We have no business to monkey with the journal at this late hour, as it has gone out of our hands. We have nothing more to do with what happened at the last regular session."

"I do not agree with the Senator," replied Kana'ha. "We still have an interest in that journal. I think it is a privilege and a right that we have to look into this and examine the journal before it is sent to the President of the United States. I hear that there has been some changes made, and they should not have been made without referring them to the proper source. If the changes made are vital and necessary, it is all right, that is the object of my bringing in this resolution."

"The records have each day been approved by the president of this body and also by the members," said Senator Paris. "I do not believe there is one member of this House, who, relying on his memory, could tell for an absolute certainty that the records have been tampered with. This is another session altogether, and we therefore have no right to make any changes."

"I have had my doubts created, and they have been created by the Republican side of this House, and from talk that has been indulged in by outsiders. It has been stated, so I have heard, that the printed copy that is to be sent on to Washington is entirely different from the original copy. There should be no fault found in having a committee to look into this matter. There may be some truth in the rumor floating around, and I think it would be a good plan to have a committee investigate it."

"We have nothing to do with the Legislature that has gone by," replied Senator Baldwin. "I do not know as there is any objection to have a committee to examine into the matter. The clerk has the minutes of each day, and as far as their being tampered with, I do not believe it."

"Who says they have been tampered with?" inquired Senator Carter.

"Why, Senator J. T. Brown made the statement," replied Senator Baldwin. Senator "Oily Bill" was then recognized.

Wray Taylor was successful in meeting Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in San Francisco, with whom he spent an hour and a half. They talked over Hawaii's various industries, and the Secretary put Mr. Taylor in possession of his plans for Hawaii during the coming year. Secretary Wilson may visit Hawaii early next year.

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The Internal Revenue Department has registered thus far 27,607 Chinese in the islands, as follows: Honolulu, 11,307; Oahu, outside of the city, 1,698; Maui, 2,840; Hawaii, 9,778; Kauai, 793; total, 28,706. Total number of applications on hand, 6,738. There are but seven days more left for the Chinese to which to register.